

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14 are pending in this application, all of which have been amended. Claims 2, 7, 8 and 10 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over **Kawamura et al.** in view of **Kuba** (previously applied).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

**Kawamura et al.** discloses an image processing system, indexing pictures reduced and stored in single frame recording regions showing frames photographed in a single frame photography mode (FIG. 7B; col. 8, lines 43-64), and indexing pictures reduced and stored in single frame recording regions showing frames photographed in a continuous photography mode (FIG. 7C; col. 8, lines 43-64).

**Kuba** describes an electronic imaging apparatus having hierarchical image data storage structure for computer-compatible image data management, and also describes an electronic still camera with LCD 12. An interval reproduction is shown (FIGS. 25(A) and (B); col. 22, lines 5-14).

While all images are displayed in the continuously picked-up image reproduction mode in **Kawamura et al.**, only one image for every continuous image pickup is representatively displayed in the present application.

Neither of these references teaches, mentions or suggests that the first selecting unit has a direction designating section for moving a state of display indicating a selected image to a desired image among a plurality of reduced images displayed by said display unit, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite this distinction.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

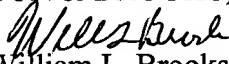
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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